
NRP Work Group Progress Report

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NRP Investments

Since 1991, neighborhoods, through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, have invested over \$225 million in improvements to their neighborhoods. These investments have affected every aspect of neighborhood life—from housing and economic development, to schools, libraries, parks, public safety, human services, public infrastructure, and our civic infrastructure.

Some highlights of these investments include:

Home Improvement Loans and Grants

60 neighborhoods have created home improvement programs resulting in the investment of over \$50,000,000 in the City's housing stock.

Cops on Bikes

This successful community-oriented policing strategy was created by Northeast neighborhoods with an investment of \$95,000 of NRP funds.

NRP Investment



Shingle Creek Commons

\$250,000 invested in the creation of 75 units of senior housing along the Humboldt Greenway



Whittier School

Residents in the Whittier Neighborhood invested over \$2 million for the creation of a new school building and the renovation of the adjacent park

Brackett Park

The Longfellow Community invested \$677,000 of NRP funds in renovations to the park.



NRP Investments



Jordan Community Garden

This garden, created with a small investment of NRP funds has become a neighborhood gathering spot and a symbol of hope.



Windom Community Center

\$1.7 million of NRP funds were invested in the creation of the Windom Community Center, an addition to the Windom Open School.

Eat Street

Three neighborhoods together invested almost \$300,000 in the renovation of Nicollet Avenue.



Timeline

	2006		2007												2008												
Key Tasks / Steps	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
CE Report - summary of CE reports & public input																											
Gather public input on CE Report																											
3-track work plan developed																											
Community Engagement Task Force (CETF)																											
Gather public input on CETF report																											
Track 3 NRP historical documents presented and NRP Work Group formed																											
CETF considers public input and formulates recs																											
City Council adopts Core Principles																											
NRP Work Group presents "Framework for Future"																											
Gather public into on Framework for the Future																											
Presentation of public input & establish next steps																											
Shape program proposal																											
Outline plan for additional Phase II funds																											
Align with Mayor's 2009 proposed budget																											
Progress report on program proposal																											
Completed program proposal presented to CoW																											
Components considered by Council committees																											
Deadline for committees to act on components																											
Plan for transition & implementation (2008-2010)																											
Plan for 2009 legislative action <i>as needed</i>																											

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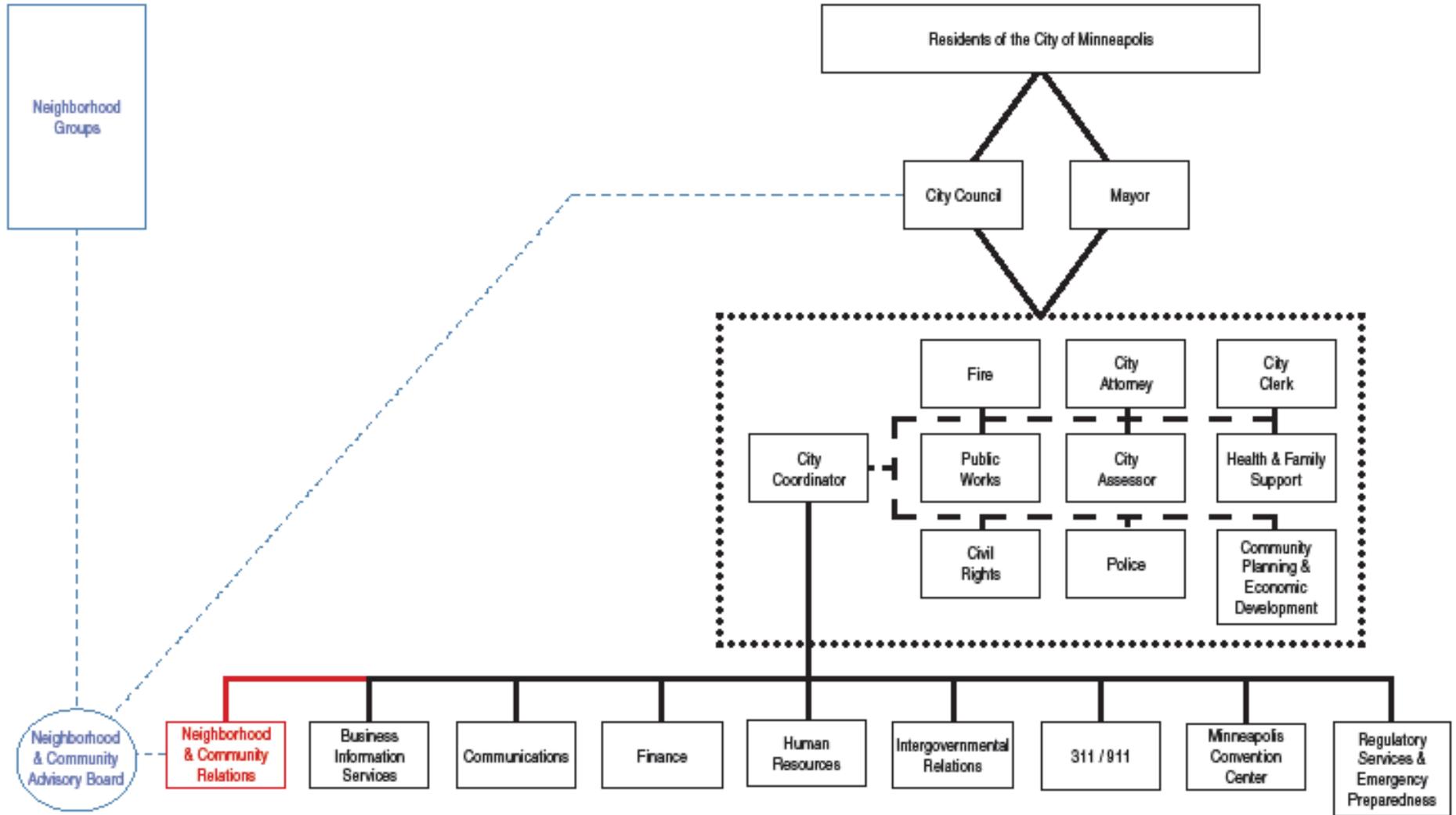
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The NRP Work Group

- Created by the City Council on November 2, 2007.
 - The members of the Work Group are:
 - Council President **Barbara Johnson**
 - Council Vice President **Robert Lilligren**
 - Council Member **Betsy Hodges**, Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Committee
 - Council Member **Paul Ostrow**, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee
 - Cara Letofsky**, Policy Aide, Office of Mayor R.T. Rybak
 - Robert Miller**, Director, Neighborhood Revitalization Program
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Main Topic Areas

- Structure
 - Governance
 - Administrative Funding
 - Discretionary Funding
 - Roles and Accountability
 - City Service Delivery
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Structure

- Creation of a new **Neighborhood and Community Relations Department**
 - Within the City Coordinator's Office
 - Director would be an Assistant City Coordinator
 - Support all other City departments in the realm of strong neighborhood and community relationships.
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Neighborhood and Community Relations Department – functional areas

Neighborhood Vitality

- Nurturing neighborhood vitality through neighborhood-based priority setting, planning and implementation

Access and Outreach

- Addressing and removing barriers to full civic participation and meaningful engagement

Community Participation and Engagement

- Leveraging the core principles of community engagement to enhance the City's work to foster communities that are involved in the business of government

Internal Services

- Serve as a central resource to City Departments
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Governance

Neighborhood and Community Advisory Board

- 18 members – all residents
 - 9 elected directly by neighborhood groups (through process defined by neighborhood organizations)
 - 7 appointed by the City Council
 - 2 appointed by the Mayor
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Neighborhood and Community Advisory Board

AREAS OF WORK AND OVERSIGHT

- ❑ Distribution and use of administrative and program funds
 - ❑ Development or improvement of community participation policies, delivery of services and decision-making processes
 - ❑ Feedback to City Departments on community participation related activities
 - ❑ Community issues and needs related to community participation
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Continuing discussion on...

- Administrative funding
- Discretionary funding
- Roles & Accountability
- City Service Delivery
- Multi-jurisdictional participation
- NRP Phase I and II – support of ongoing projects

Completed proposal expected July 24, 2008

Questions
and
Discussion
